

I Claim:

1. A method of forming an easy-open corner portion of a bag, the corner portion being removable to define a pourer through which contents of the bag are dispensed, the bag having first and second walls with joined opposing side edges, opposing end edges, and a seal line proximate one of the end edges for sealing closed an end of the bag, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a starter nick in a skirt of the bag between the end edge and the proximate seal line;

(b) forming a series of closely spaced perforations in the first and second walls of the bag, the perforations extending along a predefined tear line from the end edge of the bag proximate the starter nick to one side edge of the bag; and

(c) when forming the starter nick and perforations, bypassing the seal line of the bag to avoid severing the seal line during formation of the easy-open corner portion.